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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices were higher in the West, unchanged in the East, and irregular in the Midwest. Trade sentiment was firm in the West, steady to about steady elsewhere. Retail demand was mostly disappointing to fair, slightly better where first of the months needs had improved. Food service was in a full range, strongest into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were at least adequate for trade needs. In the parts structure, trading was limited. Breast items were sufficient to more available with discounts reported, dark meat was obtainable, and wings were at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights in a full range.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 02/03/03-02/08/03 (cents per lb)

AREAS	MAJORITY	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
		WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	51.00-57.00	55.47	19	58.08	54
Chicago	53.00-56.00	55.24	40	57.79	77
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	61.54	21
Denver	67.50	67.43	17	64.97	22
Detroit	55.00-56.00	56.08	13	58.41	41
Los Angeles	68.00	67.02	58	65.33	148
New York	53.00-56.00	55.48	21	57.40	45
Philadelphia	53.00-56.00	54.64	11	55.43	22
Pittsburgh	54.00-56.00	55.00	11	60.01	59
St. Louis	55.00-55.25	54.58	21	55.48	38
San Francisco	68.50	67.78	29	68.09	71

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	02/03/03	Change/Last Wk	01/27/03	02/04/02
598	60.49	0.36	60.13	55.67

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	58.00-60.00	58.30	32
Central	57.00-62.00	59.88	61
West	61.00-71.00	64.58	47

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	60.00-63.00	62.68	80
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 62.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,130	50.00-64.75	61.45

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	167.50	1,423
BREASTS - B/S	152.00	5,233
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.50	1,188
THIGH MEAT - B/S	57.50	901
LEG QUARTERS	19.00	9,708
WINGS	74.00	3,517

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity was light to fair at best entering the week as dealers were cautious and kept orders limited to regular commitments. Offerings of all sizes were at least adequate for most immediate needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was limited. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were available at discounted levels. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate and wings were increasingly available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady at best. Demand following the weekend was light to moderate, best where featured. Supplies of all sizes were sufficient to handle light needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in balance to close with mixed interest. Dark meat was available, and wings were at least adequate with movement tapering. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were up 1 cent from last week's levels. Trading for this week's delivery reported at generally higher prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Retailer demand was moderate to good best to cover first-of-the-month needs. Dealers reported satisfactory weekend clearances. Trading reported on parts for delivery this week: leg quarters 4/10s mainly 22.5 and bulk 20.5-21, bone-in breast 94-104 and boneless 148-157, boneless leg meat 57-57.5. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was up 1.89 to 62.00 and the volume reported at 30 loads was down 3 percent.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Majority prices unchanged into Chicago, irregular elsewhere from last Monday's final. Whole fryer market tone was steady. Offers were adequate for a mostly light trade interest. Movement into retail was disappointing, very slow to fair at best. Food service was in a full range, mostly moderate, and best into fast food. Floor stocks were manageable. Weights desirable to heavy. Trading on parts was limited, moderate for dark meat cuts on generally sufficient supplies. The market tone was barely steady to weak on wings, steady with a weak undertone on all other parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was mostly fair. Seller offerings were more than sufficient for current inquiry. Live supplies were moderate; weights were in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 56 to 66 cents. Trade sentiment was about steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were adequate. Leg quarters were in fairly good balance. Bone-in breasts and wings ranged adequate to readily available.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	49-69
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	58.23
NO. OF BOXES	6,279

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was light to no better than fair entering the week as dealers maintained closely balanced floor stocks and cautiously assessed the market. Offerings of bone-in breasts were available with discounting noted to stimulate interest. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were adequate to fully adequate. Wings were fully sufficient. Retail and distributive movement was light to fair. The market tone was barely steady to weak on bone-in breasts, cautiously steady on boneless-skinless breasts and no better than steady on the balance.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	150-155		150.14	393,320
TENDERLOINS	110-115		122.47	21,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	84-85		91.57	173,840
BREAST - LINE RUN	84		84.46	121,600
LEGS	31-32		28.76	215,600
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	19-20		21.61	257,264
DRUMSTICKS	23-24		28.87	136,600
THIGHS	21-22		31.79	77,237
B/S THIGHS	62-63		59.82	92,760
WINGS (WHOLE)	74-75		76.59	146,200
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.24	40,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		30.67	10,720
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55		48.13	21,680

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,312	126.00-150.00	140-145	140.75
TENDERLOINS	779	101.00-170.00	-	121.29
BREAST - WITH RIBS	161	82.00-90.00	83-85	84.78
FRONT HALVES	184	65.00-77.00	68-70	69.57
LEGS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,289	16.00-18.00	16	16.04
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,067	17.00-19.00	18-19	18.22
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	1,520	14.00-17.00	17	16.63

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	02/03	01/30	01/30	01/27	01/23
ALA	4,041	3,736	5.16	3,807	4.97
ARK	5,127	5,881	4.95	5,072	4.88
DELMARVA	2,259	2,322	5.03	2,280	5.13
KY-LA-TN	1,878	1,834	5.02	1,845	4.84
MISS	2,922	2,877	5.32	2,872	5.25
NC	2,611	2,473	6.07	2,444	6.21
TEXAS	2,477	2,305	4.80	2,045	4.73
TOTAL	21,315	21,428	5.16	20,365	5.08
MON	21,315(A)			20,365(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 03-Feb 2003 is estimated to be 31,890,000 up 4.35 percent from a week ago and up 1.99 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,560,000 last year 31,268,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	920	126.00-236.00	126-132	132.63
TENDERLOINS	148	120.00-172.00	122-127	134.47
BREAST - LINE RUN	113	82.00-90.00	84-87	85.72
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	91	19.00-33.00	21-22	22.89
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	632	15.00-18.50	16-17	16.82
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,156	17.00-26.00	19-20	19.85
WINGS (WHOLE)	102	70.00-77.00	70-72	72.99
WINGS (CUT)	480	84.00-93.00	84-86	86.93
DRUMSTICKS	68	28.00-46.00	-	30.12
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR FEB 3, 2003 — F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S RANGE	5-DAY AVERAGE	AVERAGE
43.00 - 47.75	46.64	44.97

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF JAN -27-03 - JAN 31-03 CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	135.00 - 157.00	145.00 - 150.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	84.00 - 100.00	85.00 - 89.00
LEGS	26.00 - 37.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	16.00 - 21.00	18.00 - 19.00
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 35.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 35.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	62.00 - 80.00	71.00 - 73.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 45.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	80
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	83-87

FROZEN HENS 5# & UP
FROZEN DUCKS
FROZEN SQUABS

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	90-92
ROASTERS 4# & UP	80-95
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	66
DUCKS	
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	102-103
	ICE PACK
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-99
	ICE PACK
	104-105
	DRY PACK
	113
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK
	ICE PACK
	91-98

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

31-JAN-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	14.00-17.00	13.50-14.00	1,017,900	740,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.55	13.72		
15-20%				
RANGE	12.00-15.00	10.50-14.50	1,404,000	156,000
WTD AVERAGE	13.24	11.80		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	120,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

31-JAN-2003

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	183,600	-
WTD AVERAGE	13.67	13.33		
15-20%				
RANGE	10.00-17.00	10.00-12.00	2,260,000	734,400
WTD AVERAGE	11.71	10.67		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	10.00-11.00	61,200	-
WTD AVERAGE		10.67		

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly fair. Offerings were at least adequate. Processing schedules were less than normal. The undertone was generally steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER

THE WEEK OF 03-FEB-03.	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-9.5	7-8.5	8.06
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 03-FEB-03

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-11	7.25-8.75	8.54

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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